

ENTIRE HEMISPHERE COVERED FOR NEWS
Associated Press Membership of South American Dailies Marks New Era.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Beginning with the New Year, the Associated Press commenced the sending of a daily news report by cable to a number of the leading papers in Pan-America and South America that recently have been elected to membership in the association. These newly elected members are:
Buenos Aires, Argentine—La Nacion, La Prensa.
Lima, Peru—El Comercio (morning), El Comercio (evening), La Cronica, La Prensa (morning), La Prensa (evening), El Tiempo.
Santiago, Chile—El Mercurio, La Nacion, Ultimas Noticias.
Valparaiso, Chile—El Mercurio (morning), El Mercurio (evening).
Panama—El Diario, the Star and Herald.
Guayaquil, Ecuador—El Telegrafo.
Antofagasta, Chile—El Mercurio.
This service is started with the cooperation of the "All-American Cable"—the Central and South American Telegraph Company. It is planned to bring about its extension by the election of more members representing the leading papers in Brazil, Uruguay and other South and Central American republics.


President Noyes' Greeting.
In beginning this relation with these new members, the Associated Press believes it is inaugurating an exchange of news which will be of great influence in strengthening and bettering existing relations between the two continents. Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, has sent a message of greeting to the new members in South America and Panama, which emphasizes this idea, as follows:
"I am rejoiced to welcome you to our membership, for I am convinced that with a freer flow of news between the two continents we shall grow to know each other better, and a better acquaintance, a more thorough and sympathetic common understanding of the characteristics, the merits and the weaknesses of the countries of the western hemisphere will be a thousandfold more effective in maintaining enduring friendship than the most extensive and subtle propaganda work."
"I shall hope that as time goes on you will find yourselves well content in your association with us and what is perhaps the most important mutual and co-operative effort yet known."

Entire Hemisphere Covered.
The addition of these new papers in South America to the Associated Press list of papers means the linking together, for the mutual exchange of news, of virtually all the important cities of South America, with the entire northern continent. The Associated Press thus serves directly, through its 1,136 members in the United States, its association with the Canadian Press, Ltd. (which includes all of the important papers of Canada), its important membership in Mexico and Cuba and now many of the important papers of South America, a more settled part of the western hemisphere. The new members will contribute to the association each its regional news, thus extending and assuring the incoming news service. The sending of news from here to South America ultimately will interpret the United States to all Latin America, from Mexico to Patagonia.

WAR-TIME COAL DEMAND OF THE U. S. FULLY MET

The nation's war-time demand for coal, the heaviest in the country's history, has been met in full, according to a statement just issued by the National Coal Association, in which figures are made public showing that all records of bituminous coal production have been broken.
According to this statement, the total bituminous coal production during the past year is conservatively estimated at 587,500,000 tons, an increase of approximately 25,000,000 tons, or nearly 7 per cent, over the production in 1917.
Mining of this banner tonnage during 1918 not only answered the demands of the nation for war purposes, but virtually insured the country against a repetition of the shortage of bituminous coal experienced last winter. With fair operating conditions and intelligent distribution of the product the coal association says there will be sufficient coal for the nation throughout the remainder of the coal year.

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THIS good semi-annual event has been making new friends and welding closer the ties that bind us to old ones.

The Clean Sweep is the great price leveler that keeps the stocks of every section and department new, clean and fresh. The prices take care of that.

\$22.50 to \$29.50 Serge, Velvet, Taffeta and Satin Dresses

STYLES and sizes for women and misses in the tailored and dressy models. Braid and chain stitched, round necks and sailor collars, embroidery effects, belts and pockets, sashes and panels improve their appearances. Colorings include navy and black. Sizes 14 to 44. **\$13.75**

Women's and Misses' \$44.50 to \$59.50 Tricolette, Tricotine and Velour Dresses, \$26.85

There are many tailored and draped ideas braided and chain stitched. Fur and combinations of georgette and tricolette add to the appearance of many garments, and the skirts, two and three tier ideas, have pockets, or are plainly gathered. Sizes for women and misses.

Women's and Misses' \$17.50 to \$24.50 Fine Satin and Silk Dresses, \$8.90

Vestee and Coatee models are shown; some trimmed with silk beads and inserts of organdie and georgette. High or low waist line models, trimmed with fringe. Many colorings and black or navy make up the assortment, which ranges in size from 14 to 44.

Women's and Misses' \$27.50 to \$40.00 Winter Coats, \$18.65

Of the finest broadcloths and heavy and medium weight all-wool velours, chevrons and novelty materials in taupe, black, navy, plum, brown, green, Burgundy and reindeer, embracing the very newest and most desirable models, many of them fur and plush trimmed. Semi-fitting, belted and beltless model creations, in sizes from 16 to 40.

Women's and Misses' \$22.50 to \$25.00 Winter Coats, \$10

Many mixtures, chevrons and boucles, in plain and pile fabrics. They are trimmed and have pockets and belts. The coats are half lined.

Women's and Misses' \$60.00 to \$75.00 Fine Coats, \$38.75

Finest velours, silvertones, velour de laine and silk plush coats, all fur-trimmed and plain and fancy silk-lined. They have sailor collars, belts and pockets, and may be had in colorings of reindeer, taupe, brown, Burgundy, green, navy and black.

Women's and Misses' \$42.50 to \$50.00 Winter Coats, \$27.75

Silk plush, heavy and medium weight velours and Bolivia cloths. The colorings include plum, Burgundy, terra cotta, green, navy, Pekin blue, reindeer, black and brown. The models are self and button trimmed, and also show kerami, Hudson seal (dyed muskrat), opossum and plush trimmings.

Women's and Misses' \$37.50 and \$40.00 Short Coats and Capes, \$27.65

In nutria, beaver and black plush, with large, high-fitting collars, belts and silk linings and interlinings.

Women's and Misses' \$32.50 to \$37.50 Suits, \$18.90

All-wool serge, poplin and mannish Oxford suits, mainly navy and black shadings. There are some light shades in the collection, which includes all sizes for women and misses.

Women's and Misses' \$40.00 and \$42.50 Suits, \$28.65

Finest serges, poplins, Burella cloths, velours, etc., in silk lined (plain or fancy), and with roll and sailor collars. Velvet and self trimmings.

Women's and Misses' \$45.00 to \$57.50 Suits, \$38.65

The many tailored and sports effects are of gabardines, mannish serges, Oxford worsted velours and silvertones—braided and chain stitched. Belts and pockets are shown, mainly in navy and black. All sizes for women.

\$42.50 and \$45.00 Extra Size Suits for Women at \$29.50

All-wool poplin and mannish Oxfords in the size range from 40½ to 50½ and from 51 to 55. Full silk lined and tailored models, with braided, mannish lapels and convertible collars. Many have top collars and velvets, and this offering is very special for the stout women.

\$5.00 to \$7.50 Striped Mohair, Fancy Silk Poplin and Plaid Skirts, \$3.95

Pleated and gathered effects with fancy belts, sashes and pockets. Plain button trimming and from 25 to 30 waistbands.

A Wonderful Lot of \$8.95 to \$12.95 Women's Skirts, \$6.45

There are plain silk taffeta, satin, mannish mixture, wool jersey, plaid and striped silk taffeta, wool plaid and stripe skirts with large crush belts, pleated, gathered models, and plain or sport styles with pockets, belts and sashes. Sizes 24 to 30 waistbands.

Clean Sweep of Used Pianos

During our Christmas sale of Pianos and Player Pianos the following instruments were traded in, being thoroughly overhauled by our expert mechanics. We offer them at special prices during this sale only. Remarkably easy terms, covering the span of many months.

\$325 Newburn Piano, \$185.00

\$300 McHugh Piano, \$175.00

\$300 Gilbert & Co. Piano, \$198.00

\$350 Wagner Piano, Good as New, \$248.75

\$275 Comstock Piano, \$195.00

\$325 Wagner Piano, \$165.00

This new Player specially priced for this sale:

The Artemus Player Piano, mahogany, model H, at \$510.

Boys' \$7.95 to \$8.95 Splendid Suits \$4.95

Very good models taken from our regular stocks and marked very special. They are fancy chevrons, cassimeres and tweeds. Sizes 7 to 17.

\$9.50 to \$10.50 Suits and Overcoats, \$7.55
Fancy mixtures in sizes 7 to 18, and overcoats in button-to-neck or convertible collar models; heavy chevrons and tweeds, in sizes 3 to 10 years.

\$1.50 to \$1.95 Boys' Wash \$1 Suits, Very Special
Popular models in fast-color fabrics of plain colors and the wanted stripe effects. The Oliver Twist, middie and junior Norfolk styles. Sizes 2½ to 8 years.

\$7.95 to \$8.95 Juvenile Suits at \$5.95
Every smart model in fancy chevrons, corduroy and velvets and a few all-wool navy blue serges, in sizes 3 to 10 years.

\$11.50 to \$13.50 Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws, \$9.55
Suits of fancy chevrons, cassimeres and tweeds; sizes 7 to 18 years. Mackinaws with slash or patch pockets, overlaid effects; sizes 7 to 18 years. Overcoats in Russian and convertible coats; sizes 3 to 10 years.

\$13.50 to \$16.50 Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws, \$11.55
There are fancy cheviot, cassimere and homespun suits as well as all-wool serges. The Mackinaws in the rich overlaid effects, and Overcoats in heavy mixtures, kerseys and army cloth. Suits 7 to 18. Mackinaws 7 to 18. Overcoats 3 to 18.

Boys' \$1.95 Flannelette Pajamas 1.39

The one-piece style; neatly made of pink and lavender stripe flannelette; in sizes 4 to 12 years.

\$3.95 to \$4.95 Boys' Sweaters, \$2.95
Good Heavy Knit Sweaters with plain and shawl collars. A broken assortment of sizes from 2½ to 34.

Boys' 79c Bell Blouses, 39c
Plain white, stripes, etc., with collars attached or detached. The sizes range from 6 to 15 years.

79c Knitted Toggles for Boys, 59c
The heavy Jumbo Knit kind.

Boys' \$1.25 to \$1.50 Hats, 89c
There are fancy mixtures, velvets and corduroys in all the newest shapes. The sizes are 6½ to 7½.

Boys' 89c Caps, 59c
In fancy mixtures—the newest shapes and sizes, 6½ to 7½.

95c to \$1.00 Boys' Bell Blouses, 69c
Percales, chambrays and plain white and striped madras blouses, with or without detached collars. Sizes 6 to 15 years.

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\$285 Natural Muskrat Coat, \$199.50.
Of the finest skin, with Raccoon or Hudson Seal roll collars and beautiful fancy silk linings.

\$95.00 Hudson Seal (Dyed Muskrat) Capes, \$68.75
Handsome long pointed panel edged with fur and trimmed with Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat) ornaments. The best skins and silk linings.

\$49.50 Natural Wolf Sets, \$36.50.
Head, tail and feet, trimmed with full silk linings. Large skins, with chain or clasp fastenings.

\$54.50 Genuine Poiret Fox Scarfs, \$37.75.
Very large animal, with the natural head and feet. A beautiful silk lining.

\$44.50 Civet Cat Sets, \$33.75
Large trimmed muffs and scarfs, beautifully lined with silk. The muffs have wrist loops.

\$34.50 Hudson Seal (Dyed Muskrat) Muffs, \$24.75.
Finest skins, with silk linings and crochet wrist loops.

\$25 to \$42.50 Girls' and Juniors' Coats \$21.75

A beautiful assortment of fur-trimmed coats—the trimming consisting of nutria, muskrat (Hudson Seal), Velour, Broadcloth, Pompadour, Velvet and Burella Cloth Coats, lined and interlined. Ages 8 to 17.

\$1.25 Girls' Black Sateen Bloomers, 98c
Sizes 10 to 14 years.

\$3.95 Girls' Serge Middies, \$3.15
A very special price that will close sizes 8 to 22 out.

Wee Girls' \$2.00 to \$2.95 Bath Robes at \$1.79
Neat floral patterns and a very good quality robe.

\$1.69 Flannelette One-Piece Pajamas for the Girl, \$1.15
They are pink and blue striped garments for the girls 8 to 12 years of age.

\$25, \$35, \$37.50 to \$45 Junior Dresses for \$18.95
There are not many of these dresses, so we would advise early selection. The choice lot contains navy serge, shepherd checks and satins, garments that will not last long. Sizes to fit small women.

\$3.95 to \$8.75 Girls' White Dresses for \$3.59
Slightly soiled dresses, with lace and embroidery trimmings. Sizes 8 to 14 years.

All Children's \$3.95 to \$27.50 Furs ½ Price Now \$1.98 to \$13.75

Women's \$7 Nemo Corsets \$4.85

We have received another notice from the Nemo Corset Co. of a new price advance, and are offering at this time about 200 pairs of the well-known No. 511 (which were used in display or are slightly soiled from our recent department changing) at a very special price. Miss, Medium or Stout Models, in all sizes from 24 to 36, in pink or white.

\$1.95 to \$2.95 Flannelette Kimonos, \$1.50
There are loose fitting or elastic waist band models—cut very full, and the flannelette used is a very good quality.

\$2.95 Japanese Quilted Vests, \$1.95
Black Silk Quilted Vests with sleeves. The lining is a white or lavender silk.

\$2.50 to \$2.95 House Dresses, \$1.85
Either waist line or loose fitting models with belts and pockets.

\$2.00 to \$2.50 Corsets, Special, \$1.19
The lot includes all the standard makes, such as C. B. La Spirite, American Lady, W. B. and R. & G. high, low or medium bust corsets, some rubber gored in flesh or white.

\$1.50 Quilted Vests, 95c
A Japanese Black Silk Quilted Vest that has a white or lavender silk lining.

Women's \$2 Nightgowns 1.39

This muslin gown is an exceptional value and may be had with round or V neck and long sleeves. Four rows of embroidery inserts and a neatly finished edge is found in some and many are of pink batiste in the slipover or surplice style.

\$1.95 White Petticoats, \$1.55
Nainsook Petticoats—a very fine quality or in muslin. There is a deep flounce of swiss embroidery or lace with an underlay. Extra sizes are in the lot.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Envelope Chemise, 89c
They are neatly made of the finest batiste or nainsook in dainty designs, either lace or plain tailored.

\$2.25 Bungalow Aprons, \$1.65
Tailored of the finest quality gingham and trimmed with striped madras at the neck and sleeves. It is a belted model with pockets.

All Shetland Wool Knit Hug-Me-Tights, \$2.85
The front and without sleeves.

Clean Sweep of the "Mildred" Stylish Stout Undermuslins
This line represents the highest quality of workmanship and the best and standard makes of nainsook and longcloths, swiss embroidered and val lace trimmed. Each garment has reinforced underarms and the drawers and skirts have a graduating waist band which is easily adjusted to fit perfectly.

A Few of the Mildred Stout Specials
The \$1.25 Corset Covers, special at **95c**

\$1.50 Nainsook Corset
Covers, special at **\$1.15.**

\$3.50 Envelope Chemise, \$2.65.

\$2.95 Longcloth Gowns, \$2.15.

\$3.95 Gowns, \$3.15.

\$1.25 Drawers, 95c

\$2.95 Petticoats, \$2.15.

\$4.95 Women's Petticoats, \$2.15.

\$6.75 to \$9.75 Georgette Blouses \$4.85

The finest quality American Georgette Blouses in many suit shades—black, navy, taupe, plum and bisque, and the always wanted white, flesh and combinations for dress wear. The trimmings mainly consist of beads, braid, embroidery and tucks, and there are all the popular neck and collar styles. Sizes from 36 to 46.

\$3.95 to \$5.75 Silk Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses, \$3.19.
The size assortment is complete, but not for each style, for they are broken assortments from our regular lines. Just the beaded, braided, embroidered and lace-trimmed or plain-tailored blouses that women are wearing right now, in white, flesh and colors. Sizes range from 36 to 46.

\$5.50 to \$5.95 Extra Size Women's Blouses, \$4.95.
Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Tub Blouses in white, flesh, navy and black; beaded, embroidered and neatly tucked. There are many modish stylish splendid fitting models in sizes 46 to 54.

\$1.50 to \$2 Voile and Organdie Blouses 95c
White voile, marquisette, organdie and novelty materials in many dainty tucked, pleated, embroidered, lace trimmed and plain tailored models. There are many designs and shapes of collars and the entire assortment of these splendid Blouses takes in 20 different up-to-date styles. Sizes 36 to 46.

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